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October 6, 2003

Mr. Tony Grippa, Chairman
Leon County Commission
301 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Mr. Grippa:

My name is Thomas Colantonio and I am a junior at Lincoln High School here in Tallahassee, where I also enjoy being involved in the Naval JROTC program. I am very interested in the field of National Defense and have been invited to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C. this winter.

The National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy is a six day program that will introduce me to many senior individuals and organizations in foreign policy and military affairs today. During the forum, other students and I will visit places such as the Pentagon and foreign embassies to participate in on-site activities and seminars and the U.S. Capitol, where Congress enacts national security policies.

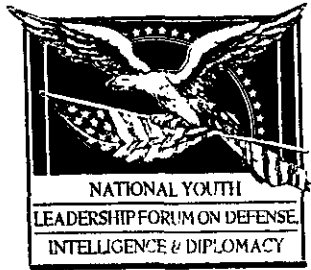
My costs to attend the forum are \$1,200.00 for the forum fee. My mother has provided all transportation costs. It is my hope that the Leon County Commissioners will assist me with the forum costs.

Attending the Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy will be a valuable experience. I feel I would gain knowledge and develop skills that would help me as I pursue my education and long-term career goals.

Any donations to help with the cost of the forum will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to speaking with you. I can be reached at your convenience at (850) 402-1664.

Sincerely,

Thomas Colantonio



June 20, 2003

Mr. Thomas Colantonio
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Dear Thomas:

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been nominated by Cdr Charles Fowinkle of Lincoln High School to attend the 2003 National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy to be held this fall in Washington, D.C.

Please accept my personal congratulations on your academic accomplishments and your commitment to the national security of the United States of America.

As you may know, several students from Lincoln High School have attended programs hosted by the National Youth Leadership Forum, an extraordinary organization that inspires our nation's most promising young people to pursue their professional goals. You may recognize one or more of these outstanding students who are part of our distinguished alumni on the list enclosed. They were excellent additions to the National Youth Leadership Forum, and are now one step closer to realizing their career dreams.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a private, non-profit organization, dedicated to helping prepare our nation's most promising future civilian and military leaders for the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead.

This fall you will join 350 other outstanding high school students from across America - young men and women who share your dreams and determination.

It will be an extraordinary time of discovery and mentorship as you are welcomed at some of our country's most prominent policy centers and technologically advanced military facilities.

You will go behind the scenes of America's diplomatic and national security structure to experience "hands on" how America plans for peace and prepares for crisis.

From Capitol Hill and the State Department to the Service Academies and military installations themselves, you will go where the action is and where history is being made.

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At national security facilities throughout the Washington area, you will examine the latest military hardware and intelligence strategies and meet the decision-makers, diplomats and military leaders who create policy and bear the responsibility for executing it.

Forum sessions are scheduled for October 14-19, October 21-26, October 28 - November 2 and November 4-9, 2003.

You will make lasting friendships with future colleagues and observe the world of diplomacy and national security from a perspective unlike any other.

Enclosed is detailed information concerning your participation. Please discuss this invitation and the enclosed material with your family. Also enclosed is a registration form, which must be completed, including your selection of Forum dates, and returned in the envelope provided.

All registrations must be received by the Forum no later than August 15, 2003. Please allow several days for delivery by the Postal Service. Since applications are processed strictly in order of receipt and may exceed available space, we urge you to return yours as soon as possible.

Again, congratulations. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,



Paula Seesman
Director, Office of Admissions

P.S. Please be sure that the Forum receives your registration no later than August 15, 2003.